

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



November 24, 2003

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REPORTING FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 23, 2003 CROP YEAR

RELEASED: November 24, 3PM - There were 4 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 1% very short, 9% short, 69% adequate, and 21% surplus.

CROPS: Harvesting activities were postponed until late in the week due to heavy rainfall in parts of the state. There were reports of a few farmers picking cotton a second time, and some producers are still considering scrapping cotton if there is a dry period during the winter. Wheat planting is near completion. Some producers are spraying for ryegrass in wheat fields. The week’s remaining activities revolved around field preparation for next season.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock are reported to be in good condition. Producers are continuing routine cattle management throughout the state. Due to adequate rainfall and mild fall weather, pastures in the northwestern part of the state are in excellent condition.

Crop Progress and Conditions

| Progress % | | | | | Condition % | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| CROP Stage | Current Week | Previous Week | Previous Year | 5 Year Average | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| CORN | | | | | | | | | |
| SOYBEANS | | | | | | | | | |
| Shedding | 99 | 98 | 100 | 100 | | | | | |
| Matured* | 98 | 97 | 100 | n/a | | | | | |
| Harvested | 96 | 92 | 89 | 96 | | | | | |
| SORGHUM | | | | | | | | | |
| COTTON | | | | | | | | | |
| Harvested | 97 | 95 | 92 | 98 | | | | | |
| RICE | | | | | | | | | |
| WHEAT | | | | | 1 | 2 | 28 | 59 | 10 |
| Planted | 97 | 94 | 83 | 92 | | | | | |
| Emerged | 90 | 83 | 66 | 78 | | | | | |
| PASTURE & RANGE . | | | | | | | | | |

*Soybeans matured data begins with 2002.

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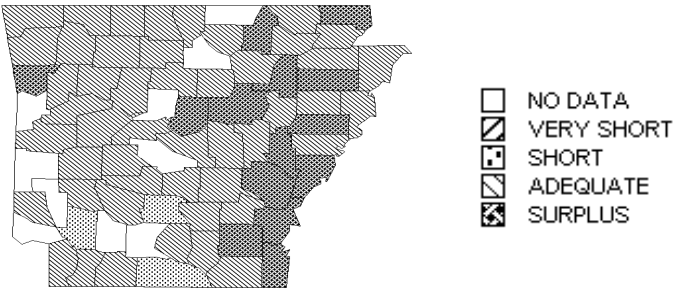
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

November 23, 2003. Temperatures were above normal. Rainfall was above normal. El Dorado, Eudora and Texarkana recorded the high temperature of 78° and Gilbert recorded the low temperature of 31°. Precipitation ranged from a high of 3.40 inches at Dardanelle to 0.38 inches at Harrison.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: November 23, 2003

| DISTRICT AND STATION | TEMPERATURES | | | RAINFALL | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------|--------|
| | HIGH | LOW | DEP FROM NORM | WEEK ENDING NOV 23 | CURR NOV ACCUM. | NOV NORMAL | JAN-OCT | |
| | | | | | | | 2003 | NORMAL |
| 1 Fayetteville | 71 | 33 | 11 | 1.16 | 3.16 | 4.74 | 31.59 | 38.08 |
| Harrison | 75 | 40 | 15 | 0.38 | 1.89 | 4.96 | 30.31 | 36.61 |
| 2 Calico Rock | 76 | 35 | 13 | 3.12 | 4.79 | 4.93 | 35.76 | 37.06 |
| Gilbert | 75 | 31 | 12 | 2.85 | 5.24 | 5.18 | 32.28 | 35.72 |
| Greers Ferry | 75 | 41 | 12 | 1.82 | 3.62 | 5.92 | 43.89 | 40.46 |
| Mountain Home | 76 | 42 | 14 | 2.94 | 5.20 | 5.31 | 34.93 | 35.98 |
| 3 Batesville | 73 | 43 | 12 | 3.04 | 4.20 | 5.48 | 53.37 | 38.03 |
| Jonesboro | 73 | 43 | 13 | 1.86 | 3.61 | 5.02 | 43.63 | 36.91 |
| Keiser | 73 | 43 | 13 | 1.04 | 3.10 | 4.84 | 41.89 | 40.13 |
| Newport | 74 | 43 | 11 | 2.02 | 3.35 | 5.55 | 46.61 | 38.53 |
| 4 Booneville | 74 | 39 | 9 | 1.72 | 3.82 | 5.08 | 25.05 | 38.44 |
| Clarksville | 74 | 41 | 10 | 2.63 | 4.86 | 5.08 | 29.13 | 37.54 |
| Dardanelle | 76 | 37 | 11 | 3.40 | 4.51 | 5.36 | 28.03 | 38.93 |
| Ft. Smith | 76 | 38 | 12 | 0.47 | 3.34 | 4.80 | 23.84 | 35.68 |
| Mena | 71 | 40 | 12 | 2.24 | 4.71 | 5.88 | 34.26 | 47.49 |
| Ozark | 73 | 38 | 10 | 2.03 | 4.68 | 5.06 | 32.66 | 36.24 |
| 5 Conway | 74 | 39 | 10 | 2.25 | 3.28 | 5.24 | 47.24 | 38.64 |
| Hot Springs | 75 | 40 | 9 | 2.10 | 4.85 | 6.29 | 41.51 | 46.20 |
| Little Rock | 76 | 44 | 13 | 1.86 | 3.59 | 5.73 | 33.05 | 40.49 |
| N Little Rock | 76 | 49 | 14 | 1.42 | 3.08 | 5.74 | 32.21 | 38.92 |
| 6 Brinkley | 73 | 43 | 11 | 1.62 | 4.56 | 4.76 | 29.82 | 39.68 |
| Marianna | 74 | 43 | 11 | 1.21 | 3.66 | 5.22 | 30.89 | 42.16 |
| Stuttgart | 76 | 42 | 11 | 1.45 | 2.70 | 5.06 | 34.33 | 34.33 |
| 7 Hope | 76 | 38 | 11 | 1.27 | 2.23 | 5.91 | 36.11 | 43.54 |
| Texarkana | 78 | 44 | 12 | 1.67 | 2.35 | 5.34 | 28.89 | 37.21 |
| 8 Camden | 76 | 40 | 11 | 2.90 | 3.27 | 5.23 | 36.96 | 42.74 |
| El Dorado | 78 | 39 | 12 | 1.88 | 3.18 | 4.80 | 33.47 | 44.51 |
| Warren | 74 | 39 | 8 | 2.88 | 4.44 | 5.26 | 36.60 | 44.92 |
| 9 Eudora | 78 | 41 | 9 | 2.56 | 2.85 | 5.36 | 39.02 | 45.49 |
| Pine Bluff | 76 | 42 | 10 | 1.04 | 1.55 | 4.87 | 35.53 | 42.20 |
| Rohwer | 75 | 43 | 12 | 2.55 | 5.30 | 5.40 | 38.12 | 40.99 |